

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	)	Examiner: Saoud, Christine J.
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Avi ASHKENAZI, <i>et al.</i>	)	Art Unit: 1647
	)	
Application Serial No. 09/904,011	)	Confirmation No: 1120
	)	
Filed: July 11, 2001	)	Attorney's Docket No. 39780-1618 P2C8
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For: <b>SECRETED AND</b>	)	Customer No. 35489
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Dear Sir:

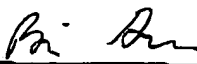
On November 24, 2004, the Examiner made a final rejection to pending Claims 39-43. A Notice of Appeal was filed on February 24, 2005, and Appellants' Appeal Brief was filed August 17, 2005. An Examiner's Answer was mailed on November 10, 2005, and Appellants' Reply Brief was filed January 10, 2006.

Appellants hereby request that the appeal be withdrawn, and that the above-identified application be expressly withdrawn as of the filing date of this paper.

I am the attorney or agent of record.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 1, 2006

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